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workers of the Babina lignite pit were trucked to Sorau under the responsible authority of a representative of the community. Almost all these individuals were members of the 1932 class except some members of the 1928 to 1931 classes, who had been deferred previously. The registration involved 10-man groups and started with an examination by a lieutenant colonel of the Medical Corps, which was followed by a political screening by one major and two captains. Subsequently, the young men individually saw a major wearing a blue-gray uniform, by whom they were assigned to the individual branches of service. They had to turn in the yellow registration certificates they had received at the second registration and, in the evening of the registration day, were given their service record books.

[REDACTED] the first draftees were inducted on 1 October 1952.

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[REDACTED] The inductees had to report to the Sagan Military District Headquarters, which dispatched them to their appropriate units. An unidentified number of young Poles were given free tickets at the registration on 8 or 9 September 1952 and were told that 1 October 1952 was the target date for their induction. 1

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2. Polish soldiers in the streets of Sorau prior to September 1952 mainly wore blue-gray uniforms and, only at a limited rate, khaki uniforms, while soldiers wearing khaki uniforms still in 1950 outnumbered the others in Sorau. A company of honor, whose soldiers wore blue-gray uniforms, took part in the demonstration on 1 May 1952. [ ] three tanks with five large bogie wheels and guns without muzzle brakes in revolving turrets at the barracks installation on the eastern perimeter of Sorau, on the south side of the road to Sagan, and 50 to 60 ZIS trucks, arranged in lines which, in late 1951, were guarded by soldiers wearing khaki uniforms, and were in the triangular area formed by the road to Sagan and the barracks installation. Sentries of the barracks guard at that time wore blue-gray uniforms. [ ]

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[ ] numerous katjuszas were in the barracks installation and [ ] everyone allowed to see the weapons, particularly katjuszas and tanks, stored at the barracks installation, would be amazed. 2

3. In September and October 1952, Soviet officers were observed frequently and Soviet EM were seen occasionally in the streets of Sorau. [ ] these soldiers came from Sagan (O 52/B 26) to Sorau for shopping. Still in the summer of 1952, [ ] in the streets of Sagan, numerous Soviet officers and EM, whose billets were undetermined. [ ] the former Dachsberg Kaserne and the former Artillery Barracks in Sagan were occupied by Polish troops [ ]

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4. In July 1950, in the area on both sides of the road between Ober Leschen (O 52/B 44) and Nieder Leschen (O 52/B 45) [ ] cantonments and tent camps, which were occupied to capacity by Soviet troops at that time. The area which included the bulk of these billets was in the woods east of the road and about 400 meters north of the town of Ober Leschen. At that time [ ] about 18 emplaced guns pointing to the west, light AA guns mounted on trucks, and large quantities of tanks east of the road. The road from Ober Leschen to Nieder Leschen could be closed by two barriers, one directly north of Ober Leschen and the other directly south of Nieder Leschen. 4

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1. [ ] Comment. The induction of the 1932 class in the fall is confirmed [ ]

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[ ] The execution of the registrations and examinations is in accordance with the provisions of the National Defense Act, but inductees drafted in the fall also included individuals subject to the draft who, in the spring of the same year, had been registered for the second time. It is known that the induction of German-born individuals subject to the draft is occasionally delayed.

2. [ ] Comment. The 11th Mecz Div is carried in Sorau. [ ] it still is undetermined whether only tank units or also other elements of a mechanized unit wear blue-gray uniforms. Katjusza is the designation of the Soviet Model M-8 82-mm rocket launcher. It is believed that this barracks installation is occupied, possibly in addition to other units, by one mechanized regiment and the rocket launcher battalion of the 11th Mecz Div.

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3. [ ] Comment. [ ] except for the hospital serving as a Soviet Army hospital other installations at Sagan were no longer occupied by Soviet troops, it is believed that the Soviet soldiers [ ] belong to Sagan-Kuepper airfield.

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4. [ ] Comment. The area is directly northeast of the Neuhammer-Stranz troop training camp. It is believed that the troops [ ] belonged to the Soviet 20th Tank Div.

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